

## Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

# FLORIDA

### FAST FACTS

International students contributed an estimated **\$827 million** to the Florida economy in the 2009–2010 academic year.

### Higher Learning

Florida is ranked **#6** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

1. University of Florida-Gainesville 2. Florida International University 3. University of Miami 4. University of Central Florida 5. University of South Florida

Florida universities with the most foreign students.

1. India 2. China 3. Venezuela 4. South Korea 5. Colombia

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Florida during 2009–2010.



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**2,428** citizen diplomats in Florida volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

**548** citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Florida.

**287** Floridians participated in ECA's academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

### Notable ECA Alumni

Rita Dove

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987  
(*Fulbright/Hays Fellow*)

Carlos E. Santiago

Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic College Fund, 2010–Present (*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program*)

Alcee Hastings

U.S. Representative for Florida's 23rd Congressional District, 1993–Present  
(*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)